

IN TWO DAYS BROAD GAUGE TRACK WILL BE IN TONOPAH

FIRST TRAIN TO COME IN MONDAY

Ore Shipments and Supplies Shut Off but New Boom for Camp is at Hand.

The first broad gauge train to run into Tonopah will arrive here on Monday morning. To perform this feat requires no little skill and engineering and the achievement will be one of which Chief Engineer Richard Welch may well be proud of.

The last freight train went out of here on the narrow gauge track on Wednesday. On that day the Southern Pacific notified its patrons in San Francisco that no more freight would be received until Monday. So for at least five days Tonopah has been or will be shut off from supplies from the outer world.

From the accounts received here there will be no through train from San Francisco into Tonopah until the 20th, at which time the Hazen cut-off will be completed. It is understood that the Southern Pacific cannot or will not run its trains over the Virginia and Truckee road.

The last narrow gauge passenger train will leave here at one o'clock tomorrow morning. The locomotive and cars will be run back to Tonopah and then at six o'clock the work of broad gauging will be commenced. It was necessary to cease the shipments of freight early in the week in order to return the foreign equipment of the narrow gauge road to its owners. The freight equipment of the Tonopah Railroad Company will be stored at Tonopah Junction, while the passenger equipment and all the engines will be stored at Tonopah.

It is estimated that the work of broad gauging the 65 miles of railroad between here and Sodaville will be completed by Monday morning, so that the broad gauge train may come in at 4 o'clock at the worst. Engineer Welch maintains, there will not be a delay of more than five or six hours.

IS AN OASIS IN FACT.

Beautiful Spot At Head of Fish Lake Valley.

Oasis is a district about which there has been considerable talk of late and it is evident that there is going to be little movement in that direction in the near future. Laurence L. Stevens, a former newspaper man of Los Angeles, and now in the mining business, has just returned from Fish Lake Valley at the head of which lies Oasis, and has the following to say of his experience:

"Of all the great business opportunities that have been presented in the mining districts of Nevada and caused such a rush of fortune seekers from all parts of the globe to the well-known camps of Tonopah, Goldfield, Bullfrog, Silver Peak, Alida and others, Oasis seems to have been overlooked.

"In connection with the Bonanza group of copper mines the ranch at Oasis, with its excellent water rights, to my mind offers one of the best opportunities in this locality.

"The mining property consists of eighteen claims, upon which about \$15,000 has been expended in development work, opening up a vast body of copper and silver ores. Heretofore these have been of no commercial value owing to the great distances to suitable reduction works. Probably \$90,000 worth of ore averaging \$35 to the ton has been exposed in the workings. The new smelter to be erected at Alida, 29 miles from the Bonanza veins, assures reduction facilities within a distance that will allow hauling and reducing of the grade of ore contained in the Bonanza mines, and in all probability the

in the work of broad gauging only one rail will be disturbed. One of the present rails is permanent, the other is so arranged that it can be moved out to make the standard gauge. For the present then, there will be no increase in the weight of the rails it being maintained that the present weight will suffice to carry the big engines and Southern Pacific trains.

General Manager Alonzo Tripp states that for the present he expects that broad gauge trains will be run in only from Mound House, until the Hazen cut-off is completed. This will save at least two transfers of freight which will be of some object to Tonopah.

The cutting off of freight receipts for five days has worked a hardship to the mines of Tonopah which are shipping ore. The Mizpah, Montana, Tonopah-Extension, North Star and the other shippers have not shut down for a moment, but have continued taking out ore and sacking it, and as a result there will be ore shipments galore ready for the first freight train to go out over the broad gauge.

It is estimated by Engineer Welch that the work of broad gauging will occupy no longer time than fourteen hours. The workmen will be taken out on the last narrow gauge train to cross the desert between here and Sodaville, and will be dropped along the track at intervals of a mile and a half.

The work has been divided into sections, each covering the distance named, and at a given signal the various gangs of workmen will proceed. As there is but one track to move, it is estimated that the work can be carried on to completion without hindrance or delay.

stopes that have lain idle for years will be compelled to yield up their store of precious metals to the crucibles that have been so long delayed in coming.

"The electric power line from Bishop, Cal., to Goldfield and Tonopah runs through this property and will probably be used to furnish the power for hoisting.

"Great possibilities repose beneath the shady trees of the well named ranch Oasis of 8,000 acres. The opportunity is at hand to supply the great camps of Goldfield, Tonopah, Bullfrog, Alida, Silver Peak and other districts with vegetables, garden truck, poultry, eggs, dairy products, hay and beef. The magnificent water rights and fertile soil of this ranch make it possible to produce the best the market affords. The wonder is that some bright mind has not before this seen the opportunity to compete, with fresh produce, against the stale cold storage trucks, supplied at present at great cost for freight transportation from more distant points.

"The present acreage under cultivation is less than seven hundred acres; but even this small stretch of ground furnished over \$40,000 worth of alfalfa last season. The two streams flowing from the White Mountains to the ranch, furnish 250 inches of water each, and the level, fertile ground makes it possible to cultivate 3400 acres, which would produce sufficient hay and ranch truck to supply all the mining camps of southwestern Nevada. Produce might be delivered to Tonopah and Goldfield by automobiles within a few hours, thus making it possible to supply the freshest truck in the market."

Are After Steiner

A warrant has been issued in San Francisco for the arrest of a young man named Steiner, on the charge of forgery. This is the same party who cleaned up several hundred dollars in this city and Goldfield about June 1, last, getting small amounts from the banks and acquaintances through drafts that were dishonored.

Indian goods, including Navajo rugs, baskets, moccasins, beaded work, etc., for sale at the Miners' Drug Store, Inc., Golden Bldg. d

Bullfrog

Judge L. O. Ray of Rhyolite, was in town this week, accompanied by his wife. The judge says that the Eclipse looks better than ever at a depth of 60 feet the ledge being wider and the ore richer. The Tramps and the Denver are great properties and are being developed in a systematic manner and the Shoshone is just as rich as ever. Another promising property is the Mayflower at Crystal Springs and the section east of the Shoshone will develop some big producers. "Why," said the judge, "the payroll for Bonanza mountain at Rhyolite, for the first week this month, was over \$5,000 and it was probably just as much on the other side of the hill. That is what counts in the making of a city, again, we have the best water supply in Southern Nevada, both the Clark and the Indian Springs Companies, now furnishing more water to the district than is needed. Yes, sir, the permanency of the Bullfrog district is assured."

Atwood

George Coslett has returned from Atwood and is enthusiastic over the outlook for that section. He says that Frank Everett has encountered a big body of silver ore in his new property that runs well into the hundreds of dollars in value. Two miles south of Atwood C. A. Norcross and associates have a fifty foot ledge of gold rock that will average \$25 to the ton. The shaft is down 100 feet. A ten stamp mill is now being hauled to the property and it will be installed at once. A townsite has been laid out and it will be known as Gold Dyde.

Gold Reef

The Gold Reef Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining Company, which owns some choice ground at Gold Reef, is preparing to operate it, with a force of eight men. The only work done thus far is in the nature of assessment work and yet values from a four foot ledge, go as high as \$100. The company which has ample funds to carry on the work, is officered by State Treasurer Ryan, Roger Stenson and A. McDonald, with Jim Golden, superintendent.

Manhattan.

John Harris, of Sumo, returned from the Manhattan district, Thursday night. He has claims seven miles south of Palo Alto, which look quite promising. He has a shaft down 60 feet and has assays from a four foot ledge, averaging from \$20 to \$100 in gold and copper. January Jones has a valuable lease on one of the properties, which is looking fine.

George Cole, Jas. McClosky and Harry Lewis, have returned from Manhattan and say it is all that is claimed to be. Saylor & Humphrey have given out 25 leases, the best being held by Sinclair and T. W. Kendall, who have six men at work. The Clark strike between Manhattan and Palo Alto is a free gold proposition that dazzles the eye. The Baker strike is also good. There are 500 people in the district and over 50 tents. Mr. Cole believes there will be 2500 people in that section within a few months.

Austin-Goldfield

The returns from the recent shipment of ore by the Austin-Goldfield Mining Company, from the mine near Austin, have been received. They are as follows: Six tons of first-class ore, \$1504.70 and fourteen tons of second class ore, \$426.80. The ore was taken from the 200 foot level by three men in fifteen days. The Austin-Goldfield is certainly a great mine. Its owners are Bob Watt, Knutson, H. Humphrey and George Watt.

Sold Lost Lode

Charley Cole and Jas. H. Sullivan, have sold the Lost Lode claim, one and one-half miles west of town, to the Southern Nevada Consolidated Gold Mining and Milling Company, for \$5,000 and a 1900 foot shaft will be sunk at once. Chas. Keefer of Chicago and Denver made the deal.

Eden

Tom Casey and Joe Hardy, came in from Eden last night and felt as if they owned the town, and they had good cause to, for they have uncovered ruby silver ore that goes 900 ounces, on their property, the ledge being the one that runs through the Oddie-Nash-Gardner ground.

ORE SHIPMENTS

The following shipments for the week were made over the Tonopah railroad. The total amount of ore shipped aggregates 1342 tons, which is a fine showing for the camp when it is remembered that there has been no freight over the road since Wednesday last. From Tonopah: Tonopah Mining Co., 650 tons; Tonopah Extension Mining Co., 305 tons; Montana Tonopah, 130 tons; Tonopah-Belmont, 120 tons; North Star Mining Co., 30 tons. From Goldfield: New Western Reduction Co., 74 tons; Combination Mining Co., 33 tons.

Death of Mrs. Clifford

The many friends of Ed. Clifford, Jr., in this section, will learn with regret, of the death of his beloved wife, Marguerite, which occurred at their home at Big Creek, on the 3rd ult.

The demise of Mrs. Clifford is indeed a sad one. Less than nine months ago she became the happy bride of her now heart-broken husband, and in the happiness of their honeymoon death claimed her and robbed the husband of a lovely companion, and in her bridal robes, now her shroud, they laid her in her grave. Deceased was the eldest daughter of Mrs. B. O'Toole, and was 19 years of age on the 13th day of May last. In life she was a handsome woman and a favorite with all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Silver Bow

Dan Fitzpatrick, C. L. Croaker and Norman Chisholm, have secured a lease on the Blazier property. In a 50 foot tunnel, which was run by the Blazier Bros., Dan and his associates have just uncovered a big ledge of rich ore.

Mrs. Bonfield Ill.

Mrs. W. S. Bonfield, wife of Judge Bonfield of Winnemucca, who has been ill with heart trouble for some time, was taken to her home this week by her son H. L. Bonfield.

John Wheeler Dead

John Wheeler of the Combination saloon, died yesterday, of kidney complaint. He was 42 years of age and leaves a mother in St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Falkenstein and baby, wife of I. O. Falkenstein, the merchant, and Mrs. C. F. Littrell, and Master Mitchell Littrell arrived from Austin, last Monday.

Office supplies and stationery at the Union Drug Store. u

LONE MOUNTAIN IS A RICH DISTRICT Mines Big Producers of Silver, Lead and Copper--Smelters To Be Erected.

Of the many mining districts surrounding Tonopah, none is attracting more attention than Lone Mountain. Several years ago considerable prospecting was done but when the wonderful discoveries were made in Grandpa, since known as Goldfield, this drew the hardy prospector and miner to the more promising camp where the glitter of free gold gave evidence of making fortunes quicker than he who sticks to the baser metals.

Now that the erection of a smelter is but a question of time and that the matter of water and electric power has been solved, new thought is being given to silver, lead and copper and it is safe to say that this fall and winter will see more mines being actively developed and more prospecting done in the Lone mountain district, than at any time in its history.

The Nevada Alpine, owned by Lynch & Omeara, is netting its owners \$10,000 monthly with a greater ore reserve being blocked out than is shipped. There is now a half million dollars net in sight and on the 350 level, ore disclosures are larger and richer than at any place in the mine. Just across the mountain to the south is the Big Limit Mine owned by Wingfield & Hennessey which has several hundred tons of silver-lead ore ready for shipment upon the opening of the railroad to Goldfield. Development is being pushed on this property and no doubt shipments will be regularly made during the remainder of the year. Adjoining the Big Limit on the south is the Anaconda-Tonopah, of which J. W. Langley of this city is secretary and are advised by Mr. Langley that arrangements have been made to resume operations the last of this month and that the main working shaft will be sunk to the 250 level before cross cutting to the vein. On the 90 foot level several feet of very

fine silver, lead and copper ore was showing but at this point a fault similar to those so common in the mines of Tonopah, was encountered, but as this condition has been entirely overcome in the more thoroughly developed mines, there is but little doubt of the same results at the Anaconda.

South of the Anaconda is the Myers & Murphy group which has recently been sold to Boston Capitalists and arrangements are now being made for a thorough campaign of development; the new owners are so confident of the outcome of their property and also those near by that a townsite has been platted and a water pipe line from springs higher up the mountain is one of the improvements now contemplated. Mr. McNell, the manager, is now in Boston for the purpose of consulting the officers of the company as to the feasibility of erecting a smelter at the foot of the range below the Paymaster mine.

A meeting of the Monarch Mining Company directors was held in San Francisco August 5th and it is expected that work on this splendid property will be resumed in the near future.

The new branch of the Tonopah railroad to Goldfield, passes along the eastern slope of Lone Mountain and the haul to the road is but a few miles from the mines and we predict that before the winter is over, this promising district will be making a creditable showing in amount of tonnage shipped, which will favorably compare with the older and more widely developed camps. With the increased demand for lead and copper and the constant advance in price of these metals there is no reason why Lone mountain should not become as famous in its production of lead and copper as has Tonopah in its wonderful returns of gold and silver.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Hold an Important Meeting and Transact Much Business.

The board of county commissioners met Monday in regular adjourned session, all the members being present. Assistant District Attorney E. R. Bevis was also in attendance. On Motion it was ordered that Mr. Cuddy be authorized to act as the board's agent for the purpose of approving bills against the Tonopah school-house erection fund contracted by the board of trustees.

Upon motion the monthly allowance of Geo. Turin was increased from \$10 to \$15 per month, beginning on the first of August.

The board resolved that W. T. Cuddy be authorized and empowered to approve any and all plats of land in Nye county, for lots, streets, alleys and public places.

The plat of the Eden townsite was presented to the board and approved and signed by the members.

The bid of the Pauly Jail Building Co., of St. Louis, Mo., was filed with the clerk by Chas. M. Finch and accepted. It provides for eight tool proof cells and corridor, for the sum of \$9,300, to be delivered within 90 days.

The plats of Manhattan townsite and South Manhattan townsite were presented for the approval of the board.

It was ordered that a school district be established at Rhyolite, conforming with the Rhyolite township boundaries, to be known as the Rhyolite School District.

The matter of appointing trustees for the above named district was placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Schools.

Charles M. Finch, representative of the Pauly Jail Building company, spent a few days early in the week in Tonopah. Mr. Finch has the contract of furnishing the cells of the Nye county jail to be erected in the court house now in the course of construction. His headquarters are located in San Francisco, in which city none stands more highly than does he in every walk of life.

Those "Lightening Pictures" of Key Pittman's now on sale at the Miners' Drug Store, Inc., Golden Bldg., at 50 cts. each. d

Subscribe for the BONANZA.

Company Receives \$25

Mr. Bruce of the water company, denies that his company was only receiving \$10.50 a day from the county for water for street sprinkling purposes. His contract was with Holland & Fletcher and they received \$25 from the county and paid the company nearly that much for water, the small difference being their profit.

School Bids.

The bids for the new public school building will be opened next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. j